
HOUSE BILL No. 1179

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-18-2-163; IC 16-22; IC 34-6-2-117.5; IC 34-30-15-15.

Synopsis: County hospital privileges. Provides that a licensed health care provider of chiropractic, optometry, or podiatry is eligible for privileges to provide patient care at a county hospital. Allows a county hospital's governing board to establish certain standards and rules to govern a health care provider's practice in the hospital and the granting and retaining of a health care provider's privileges. Allows a health care provider to appear before a peer review committee before being granted privileges and to have a hearing before a peer review committee before the health care provider's privileges are terminated. Exempts from civil liability certain activities of a peer review committee that are made in good faith.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-163, AS AMENDED BY P.L.148-1999,
2 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 163. (a) "Health care provider", for purposes of
4 IC 16-21 and IC 16-41, means any of the following:

5 (1) An individual, a partnership, a corporation, a professional
6 corporation, a facility, or an institution licensed or legally
7 authorized by this state to provide health care or professional
8 services as a licensed physician, a psychiatric hospital, a hospital,
9 a health facility, an emergency ambulance service (IC 16-31-3),
10 a dentist, a registered or licensed practical nurse, a midwife, an
11 optometrist, a pharmacist, a podiatrist, a chiropractor, a physical
12 therapist, a respiratory care practitioner, an occupational therapist,
13 a psychologist, a paramedic, an emergency medical technician, or
14 an advanced emergency technician, or a person who is an officer,
15 employee, or agent of the individual, partnership, corporation,
16 professional corporation, facility, or institution acting in the
17 course and scope of the person's employment.

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(2) A college, university, or junior college that provides health care to a student, a faculty member, or an employee, and the governing board or a person who is an officer, employee, or agent of the college, university, or junior college acting in the course and scope of the person's employment.

(3) A blood bank, community mental health center, community mental retardation center, community health center, or migrant health center.

(4) A home health agency (as defined in IC 16-27-1-2).

(5) A health maintenance organization (as defined in IC 27-13-1-19).

(6) A health care organization whose members, shareholders, or partners are health care providers under subdivision (1).

(7) A corporation, partnership, or professional corporation not otherwise qualified under this subsection that:

(A) provides health care as one (1) of the corporation's, partnership's, or professional corporation's functions;

(B) is organized or registered under state law; and

(C) is determined to be eligible for coverage as a health care provider under IC 34-18 for the corporation's, partnership's, or professional corporation's health care function.

Coverage for a health care provider qualified under this subdivision is limited to the health care provider's health care functions and does not extend to other causes of action.

(b) "Health care provider", for purposes of IC 16-22-3-9.5 and IC 16-22-8-39.5, means an individual who holds a valid license under Indiana law to practice:

(1) chiropractic;

(2) optometry; or

(3) podiatry.

(c) "Health care provider", for purposes of IC 16-35:

(1) has the meaning set forth in subsection (a); ~~However, for purposes of IC 16-35, the term also and~~

(2) includes a health facility (as defined in section 167 of this chapter).

~~(c)~~ (d) "Health care provider", for purposes of IC 16-36-5, means an individual licensed or authorized by this state under Indiana law to provide health care or professional services as:

(1) a licensed physician;

(2) a registered nurse;

(3) a licensed practical nurse;

(4) an advanced practice nurse;



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- (5) a licensed nurse midwife;
- (6) a paramedic;
- (7) an emergency medical technician;
- (8) an advanced emergency medical technician; or
- (9) a first responder (as defined under IC 16-18-2-13+ in section 131 of this chapter).

The term includes an individual who is an employee or agent of a health care provider acting in the course and scope of the individual's employment.

SECTION 2. IC 16-22-3-9.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: **Sec. 9.5. (a) The governing board may delineate hospital privileges for the provision of patient care services by a health care provider.**

(b) A health care provider is eligible for privileges to provide patient care services, but the governing board shall establish and enforce reasonable standards and rules concerning a health care provider's qualifications for the following:

- (1) Practice in the hospital.**
- (2) Granting privileges to a health care provider.**
- (3) Retaining privileges.**

(c) The fact that an applicant for privileges to provide patient care services is a health care provider may not serve as a basis for denying the applicant privileges to provide patient care services that are allowed under the professional license held by the applicant.

(d) The governing board may determine the types of health care procedures and treatments that are appropriate for an inpatient or outpatient hospital setting.

(e) The standards and rules described in subsection (b) may, in the interest of good patient care, allow the governing board to do the following:

- (1) Consider a health care provider's:**
 - (A) postgraduate education;**
 - (B) training;**
 - (C) experience; and**
 - (D) other facts concerning the provider;****that may affect the provider's professional competence.**
- (2) Consider the scope of practice allowed under the professional license held by a health care provider.**
- (3) Limit privileges for admitting patients to the hospital to physicians licensed under IC 25-22.5.**



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(4) Limit responsibility for managing a patient's care to physicians licensed under IC 25-22.5.

(5) Limit or preclude a health care provider's performing x-rays or other imaging procedures in an inpatient or outpatient hospital setting. However, this subdivision does not affect the ability of a health care provider to order x-rays under the provider's scope of practice.

(f) The standards and rules described in subsection (b) may include a requirement for the following:

(1) Submitting proof that a health care provider is qualified under IC 34-18-3-2.

(2) Performing patient care and related duties in a manner that is not disruptive to the delivery of quality care in the hospital setting.

(3) Maintaining standards of quality care that recognize the efficient and effective utilization of hospital resources as developed by the hospital's medical staff.

(g) The standards and rules described in subsection (b) must allow a health care provider who applies for privileges an opportunity to appear before a peer review committee established or designated by the governing board to make recommendations regarding applications for privileges by health care providers before the peer review committee makes its recommendations regarding the applicant's request for privileges.

(h) The board must provide for a hearing before a peer review committee for a health care provider whose privileges are recommended for termination based upon the provider's provision of patient care services.

SECTION 3. IC 16-22-8-39.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 39.5. (a) The governing board may delineate privileges for the provision of patient care services by a health care provider.

(b) A health care provider is eligible for privileges to provide patient care services, but the governing board shall establish and enforce reasonable standards and rules concerning a health care provider's qualifications for the following:

(1) Practice in the hospital.

(2) Granting privileges to a health care provider.

(3) Retaining privileges.

(c) The fact that an applicant for privileges to provide patient care services is a health care provider may not serve as a basis for

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2 that are allowed under the professional license held by the
3 applicant.

4 (d) The governing board may determine the types of health care
5 procedures and treatments that are appropriate for an inpatient or
6 outpatient hospital setting.

7 (e) The standards and rules described in subsection (b) may, in
8 the interest of good patient care, allow the governing board to do
9 the following:

10 (1) Consider a health care provider's:

11 (A) postgraduate education;

12 (B) training;

13 (C) experience; and

14 (D) other facts concerning the provider;

15 that may affect the provider's professional competence.

16 (2) Consider the scope of practice allowed under the
17 professional license held by a health care provider.

18 (3) Limit privileges for admitting patients to the hospital to
19 physicians licensed under IC 25-22.5.

20 (4) Limit responsibility for managing a patient's care to
21 physicians licensed under IC 25-22.5.

22 (5) Limit or preclude a health care provider's performing
23 x-rays or other imaging procedures in an inpatient or
24 outpatient hospital setting. However, this subdivision does not
25 affect the ability of a health care provider to order x-rays
26 under the provider's scope of practice.

27 (f) The standards and rules described in subsection (b) may
28 include a requirement for the following:

29 (1) Submitting proof that a health care provider is qualified
30 under IC 34-18-3-2.

31 (2) Performing patient care and related duties in a manner
32 that is not disruptive to the delivery of quality care in the
33 hospital setting.

34 (3) Maintaining standards of quality care that recognize the
35 efficient and effective utilization of hospital resources as
36 developed by the hospital's medical staff.

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38 allow a health care provider who applies for privileges an
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2 (h) The board must provide for a hearing before a peer review
3 committee for a health care provider whose privileges are
4 recommended for termination based upon the provider's provision
5 of patient care services.

6 SECTION 4. IC 34-6-2-117.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
7 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 117.5. "Professional review
9 activity", for purposes of IC 34-30-15, means an activity of a peer
10 review committee with respect to a professional health care
11 provider to:

- 12 (1) determine whether the professional health care provider
13 may have privileges for the provision of patient care services;
14 (2) determine the scope or conditions of privileges for the
15 provision of patient care services; or
16 (3) change or modify privileges for the provision of patient
17 care services.

18 The term includes the establishment and enforcement of standards
19 and rules by the governing board of a hospital licensed under
20 IC 12-25 or IC 16-21 concerning practice in the hospital and the
21 granting and retaining of privileges within the hospital.

22 SECTION 5. IC 34-30-15-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
23 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 15. There is no liability
24 on the part of, and no action of any nature shall arise against, **an**
25 **organization, a peer review committee, or** the personnel of a peer
26 review committee for any act, statement made in the confines of the
27 **organization or** committee, or proceeding of the **organization or**
28 committee made in good faith in regard to:

- 29 (1) evaluation of patient care as that term is defined and limited
30 in IC 34-6-2-44; or
31 (2) professional review activity as defined and limited in
32 IC 34-6-2-117.5.

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